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JOHN'S REPORT ON FINNISH ORDER OF BATTLE (1942)

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To NORTHERN[i].

According to JOHN[DZHON][ii] the order of battle [SOSTAV] of the Finnish Army based on information obtained [by him][a] is as follows:

1. Karelian Isthmus

4 Army Corps General GESCH[b]

1 Army Corps MAKINEN[MEKINEN], no cavalry 9 (2 3/4) infantry divisions [5], 3 w. i.
[80 groups unrecovered] VIHMA, PAJARI, HANNUKSELA,
[5-9 batts] , KESALO[c] and possibly BLICK.

4 Army Corps was severely mauled and of its original divisions General VIHMA's division alone remains.

2. SVLA Front

6 Army Corps General TALVELA

(5 Infantry Division General KARHU

17 1/2 Guard [1-4] MAN STEWEN, 7 1/2 SVENSON?

[203 groups unrecovered] division)

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3. ONEGA Front

7 Army Corps General HAGGLUND[HEGGIUND]

1 Infantry Division PAALU

2 Infantry Division HEISKANENEN[d]

Cavalry [B¹ Brigade] OINONEN2 Jäger[EGERSKIJ] Brigade ^{Southern} ANNAGUS

2 Army Corps [4 groups unrecovered]

4 Infantry Division VILPANEN[e]

8 Infantry Division

[11 groups unrecovered]

HEINELICH

4. PUKKAJARVI Front

? Infantry Division RAAPONA[f]

5. Northern SOROKA

All under the command of General FALKENHORST.

3 Army Corps SIILASVNO[g]

9, 10 ?

two divisions [4 groups unrecovered], VIIDLA

6. 163 Infantry Division[iii] is awaiting an opportunity

[11 groups unrecovered]

Army Corps

[40 groups unrecovered]

[35 groups unrecoverable]

[40 groups unrecovered]

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- Notes:
- [a] Inserted by the translator.
 - [b] Names of Commanding Officers are spelt out in the Latin alphabet throughout the message.
 - [c] A surname ending in "LO".
 - [d] Possibly a mistake for HEISKANEN.
 - [e] Possibly a mistake for VILJANEN.
 - [f] Possibly a mistake for RAAPPANA.
 - [g] Possibly a mistake for SIILASVUO.
- Comments:
- [i] NORTHERN: MOSCOW addressee and signatory. Probably Northern Department.
 - [ii] JOHN: Unidentified covername. Occurs as a source of information in August 1941 and at various dates between January and April 1942. See also STOCKHOLM: No. 714 of 16th April 1942 (3/NBF/T1552).
 - [iii] The 163rd German Infantry Division was in Finland at this time.
 - [iv] AKUSTO: Col. N.I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

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